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Claims 1-75 were presented for examination in the present application.

The instant amendment cancels non-elected claims 70-75 without prejudice and adds new claims 76 and 77. Newly added claims 76 and 77 are hereby withdrawn as containing non-elected species, but remain pending for rejoinder upon allowance of a generic claim. Thus, claims 1-69 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment

The Office Action required restriction among the object of Group I (claims 1-69) and the method of Group II (claims 70-75). Applicants verbally elected the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-69.

In addition, the Office Action required restriction among the species of the substrate recited by claims 41 and 59 (e.g., metal, glass, glass ceramic, composite, plastic, and nonmetallic crystalline materials).

Applicants elect the species of glass. Claims 41 and 59 have been amended to remove the non-elected species. Thus, claims 1-69 currently read on the elected species.

The Office Action acknowledges that independent claims 1, 61, and 68-69 are generic. However, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-40, 42-58, 60, and 62-65 are also each generic. Applicants request acknowledgement of the generic nature of dependent claims 2-40, 42-58, 60, and 62-65.

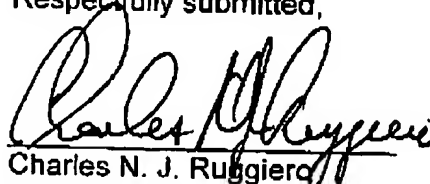
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance.

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If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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